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TOPIC Military Information from Neuruppin

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 29 January 1953, the Fridericus Kaserne in Neuruppin, which is located west of Altruppin Allee, 2 km north of the town, was occupied by about 3,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or motor transport insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.

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[REDACTED] occupied by a general, left the installation and drove to the headquarters building on Fehrbelliner Strasse, the intersection of Franz-Kuenstler Strasse on 28 January. On 28 and 29 January, about 200 troops marched from the barracks installation toward a southwesterly direction while, on each of these days, 120 to 150 soldiers marched into

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2. On 29 January, the former girls' school on Puschkin Strasse quartered a motor transport unit of about 200 troops. About 150 men organized into three columns left the installation on 28 January.

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3. [REDACTED]

4. On 13 February, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops. Tanks and 24 sidecar motorcycles were seen in the garages of the installation. Gds Lieutenant Colonel Grebentshchikov (fnu), who returned to the U.S.S.R., was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Kovalenkov (fnu).¹

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5. Two columns, namely one of about 30 trucks occupied by 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets each and one of 20 trucks serving as supply trucks were seen moving along Wittstocker Allee toward Neuruppin from the direction of Wittstock between 2 and 8 p.m. on 14 February 1953. Individual trucks towing heavy weapons and tanks were seen during the

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night of 14 February. On 15 February, several columns moved along Wittstock Allee toward Neuruppin, coming from the direction of Wittstock. They included a total of 220 trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, [REDACTED] with 12 x 122-mm howitzers, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 3 x 57-mm AT guns, 46 sidecar motorcycles, 8 BA-64 armored scout cars, 4 armored personnel carriers, and 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers including [REDACTED]. The destination of the columns could not be determined.

6. At 2 p.m. on 15 February, 40 trucks and 6 rocket launchers were entrained at the Paulinenauer railroad station. [REDACTED]³

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7. On 15 and 20 February, source believed all barracks installations to have been occupied to capacity. The installations were 95 percent lighted at nightfall.¹

8. On 15 February, the See Kaserne on the south side of Karl Liebknecht Strasse and on the east side of Feldmann Strasse was heavily occupied. The quarters were 95 percent lighted at nightfall. On 12 February, JS-3 tank No 382 entered the installation via Fehrbelliner Strasse, coming from Franz Kuenstler Strasse. From 27 January until 14 February, about 30 soldiers drilled with 4 x 120-mm mortars on the training grounds on Stoeffiner Weg almost daily.

9. The following officer names (phonetic spelling and all fnu) were determined during the period of observation: Colonel Ballashev returned to the U.S.S.R. and was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Mamatsenkov; Lieutenant Colonel Yukov, stationed in the Panzer Kaserne; Captain Chesnakov, belonging to the Kech; Major Sherenki, stationed in Fuerstenberg; and Lieutenant Colonel Shubakov of the Kreis komendatura in Neuruppin.

10. On 16 January, 1 boxcarload of ammunition from Dannenwalde was unloaded at the Altruppin railroad station [REDACTED] Altruppin. On 30 January, 1 JS tank from Wuensdorf was unloaded for [REDACTED] Altruppin.¹

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11. [REDACTED]

2. Comment. The present and previous observations tend to indicate that the units mentioned were elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div which returned to their military post upon completion of field exercises in the area north of Neuruppin from 12 to 15 February. [REDACTED] In connection with this exercise, large-scale shipments from Neuruppin to Neustrelitz were loaded by units of the division on 15 and 16 February. The columns observed may have been on their way to the railroad station. [REDACTED] The weapons and motor vehicle numbers observed confirm the following units of the divisions until 15 February 1953: the 495th How Bn (US), the 121st (?) AAA Regt, the 74th Gds Recon Bn and the 126th Gds RL Bn.

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3. Comment. The observations confirm those of another source, according to which units of the unidentified Gds RL Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div from the Friedrich Franz Kaserne were loaded for shipment to Jüterbog for firing practice on 15 February 1953. [REDACTED]

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